

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning 0001, as follows:

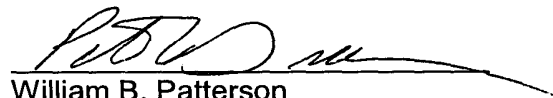
**[0001]** This application is a continuation-in-part of an earlier application entitled "PLUG-DROPPING CONTAINER FOR RELEASING A PLUG INTO A WELLBORE." That application was filed on ~~January 21, 2002~~ January 31, 2002, and has U.S. Serial No. 10/066,460. The parent application is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

**REMARKS**

In Paragraph [0001] of the continuation-in-part application, the filing date for the parent application was listed as January 21, 2002. However, the correct date is January 31, 2002. That typographical error is now corrected in the substituted Paragraph [0001].

The Applicant requests that the Examiner enter the amendment prior to examining the application. The specification has been amended to correct informalities. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0153.P1/WBP, for any fees required to make this Preliminary Amendment timely and acceptable to the Office. The Applicant believes that no new matter has been introduced by this amendment

Respectfully submitted,



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